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Kinmount resident Sue Strong was lucky enough to capture this marvelous display of the Northern Lights on January 20 over the French Line (off Crystal Lake Road). Thank you for sharing Sue!

Send photos to lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca

THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS run **from February 6 to February 22 in Italy** and are co-hosted by the cities of Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo.
The PARALYMPICS run **from March 6 - March 15.**

MEET MILO AND TINA the **2026 OLYMPIC MASCOTS** a brother and sister pair. Olympic mascots are typically selected through design contests.
Did you know Art was an Olympic sport from 1912 to 1948?
Read more on page 8.

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Celebrating Bobcaygeon's 150th Anniversary

Bobcaygeon was incorporated on June 17, 1876 and will celebrate the 150th Anniversary in 2026.
Stay tuned for updates on the celebrations. In the meantime, mark June 13, 2026 on your calendar as a very special event day in Bobcaygeon!

Harry Van Oudenaren's Memories of Bobcaygeon: Pogue's Garage :
Originally published by Maryboro Lodge Museum, Fenelon Falls

Drikus (Harry) Van Oudenaren grew up in Holland in a working-class family. His mother died when he was 2 ½ so he was raised by his older brother and sister. When he was 15, Germany invaded his homeland, then at age 18 "I was shipped up to Germany to a forced labour camp." Harry survived the ordeal, then was forced to move artillery pieces for the Russian army after his captors fled, then encountered naked concentration camp survivors as he walked home across Germany.

Drikus' experiences during the Second World War convinced him to leave Europe, "I had made a commitment to myself that if there was ever another war, I would be on the opposite side of the world." After applying to emigrate, he received a letter from Canadian Immigration saying, "Mr. Cecil Pogue of Bobcaygeon requires your services," and so he moved to Bobcaygeon. When he arrived in Bobcaygeon, on Thanksgiving Day, 1950, he carried an English phrase book with him and knew only one line, "Good day sir, nice to meet you." When he arrived, his friend Jaap said that Canadians would have a hard time pronouncing his name, Hendrikus. Being eager to fit in, from that day on he was known as 'Harry.' After emigrating he proposed to an old friend Johanna, whose family had a neighbouring farm back in the Netherlands.

Having endured so much during his formative years, Harry appreciated the opportunity to live in Bobcaygeon, perhaps more than the natives who had grown up there. People were curious to meet the young Dutch man in town, and as he learned English, he remembered the stories that people told him. In time, he developed a remarkable knowledge of his new community—he became the man who knew and could recite the oral history of Bobcaygeon. Many locals would call him 'Mr. Bobcaygeon.' For Bobcaygeon's centennial in 1976, he began collecting pictures. "I thought if I could find some old pictures and make some slides of them and show them to people, I could bring back some old memories." In time, he would amass the village's largest collection of photographs. In 2026, to mark Bobcaygeon's sesquicentennial we are sharing Harry's stories and photographs, beginning with his place of employment, Pogue's Garage.

Cecil Wesley Pogue "started that garage in 1933, two of his brothers had built it—Wib and Wes." It was beside Read's Store, with a passage way in between. "You could drive right through there with a big truck or two cars beside each other." Read's would later become Shea's IGA, then Foodland. The gas pumps out front were pumped manually, "and the gas went into the glasses [which were part of the pumps so customers could see the fuel they were purchasing to be assured of its quality] and sold for 49 cents a gallon. That's a little different than it is today!"

As a young man Harry had trained as a machinist, but cars were new to him. "I couldn't even drive a car when I started there—I had never driven a car in Holland before. I learned my trade there, Cec Pogue was a great help for me. He used to give me magazines to take home at night to read through and learn things from. And about two years after that, I had to do my examination and I got my mechanic's license."
The door at the front of the building led into the garage. "There were two big doors at the back and a big door at the front," so cars could drive straight through. "The upstairs was used at one point as the veteran's hall. The veterans used to have a ladder coming up on the side, and the door was still there later on when I got there, but the stairs were gone." One the second floor the front "was where Cec Pogue lived and the back of it was used for the veteran's meetings. There was a stage in there, with a big pole across the front to hold a curtain. By the time that I bought him out, the inside of the garage was just black. The walls were black, the ceiling was black, and the floor was black—soot and dirt."

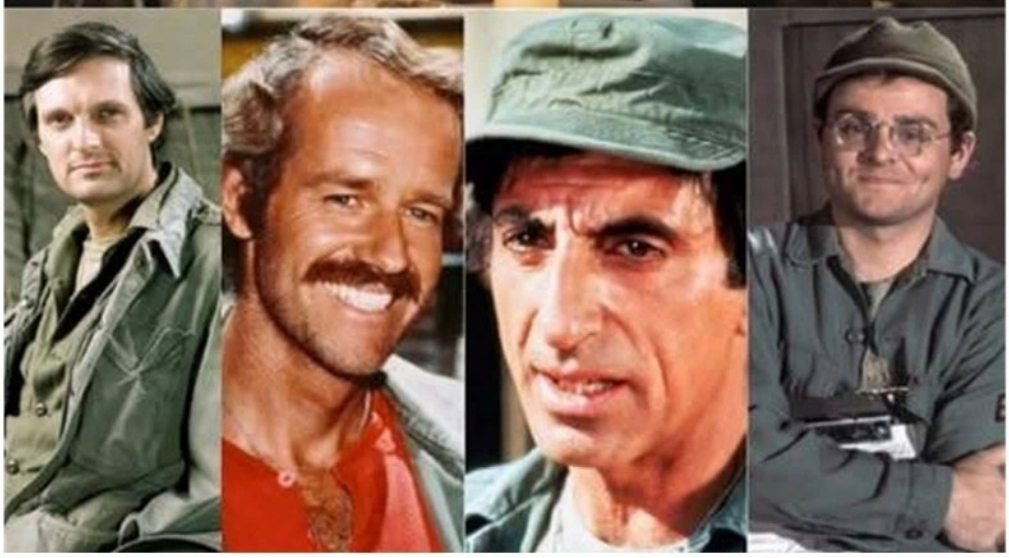
Cecil Pogue had three heart attacks in a row, and I had been working there for 17 years, so I ran his business for three months while he was in the hospital. The hospital in those days was Hillcroft. A couple times a week I had to go down there and tell him how business is going." When his employer decided to sell and retire, "I bought the business and the inventory out of the building and Wilson Shea bought the building and the property," so he could demolish the garage to extend his grocery store. "When they tore the building down, the foundation was still there, and they were going to put the new store on that foundation, but they wouldn't let them, they had to dig it right out six feet down and put in a new foundation." Today, the former site of Pogue's Garage is the entrance to Foodland.

(Harry) Van Oudenaren

Bobcaygeon

A New Years 2025 Toast to M*A*S*H 4077

Alan Alda – 89 *Mike Farrell – 86* *Jamie Farr – 91* *Gary Burghoff – 81*



*M*A*S*H* is one of the most successful television series in history, It aired for 11 seasons from 1972 to 1983.
Even though the series lasted 11 years, the actual Korean War lasted only three years and one month.

The Finale's Legacy: The final episode, "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," was watched by 106 million viewers.
It remained the most-watched television broadcast in television history until the 2010 Super Bowl.

the show remains in active syndication to this day. It is considered a worldwide television staple.

*MASH** has never gone out of global syndication since its original run ended in 1983.

On New Year's Eve 2025, these four M*A*S*H Boys got together.

Their Midnight Toast Says It All:
"To the ones still here and to the ones waiting for us.
"To M*A*S*H.
To family."
Then they raised their four glasses and clinked them together in unity.

Good News! The roof covered outdoor skating rink in Norland has now been installed with lights!

The Kinmount Knights in action at the Kinmount Arena at Kinmount Fairgrounds

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Legion
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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 *by Sharna Peters*

We are proud to congratulate the Kinmount Legion Ladies' Auxiliary on their first place finish at the Zone Cribbage Tournament! Thanks to this fantastic win, Kinmount will be hosting the Zone Ladies' Auxiliary Cribbage Tournament next year! Good luck at the District Tournament March 14 in Uxbridge.

Left to Right
Denise Johnstone,
Gloria Humphries (Zone Sports Chairerson),
Christine Ferren,
Teresa Graham,
Liz Lydiatt.

History of The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441

In 1946, when most of the enlisted men returned home. Charlie Cummings, a First World War veteran, began asking the veterans about forming a Legion in Kinmount. They attended a meeting at the present Somerville Township Office. The members present paid $5.00 for membership and are the Charter Members as listed: R. W. Austin, A. Austin, W. Austin, C. Cummings, M. J. Cummings, A. R. Douglas, W. Gilleland, N. W. Gilmore, J. Gilmore, J. Mansfield, R. McGrath, E. R. McGrath, Rev. Sigston, Dr. M. O. Ranney, J. E. Taylor, P. Wellstood, R. Currah, B. E. Young, W. M. Mark, L. Emmerson.

The Charter was granted November 15, 1946. The members decided to name the Legion, The John McGrath Branch, after John McGrath, one of the first to enlist in September, 1939, from Kinmount, the youngest to enlist and was the first to be killed in action of those who enlisted from the community.

The following meetings involved finding a location for a building. The members decided on the present location. Purchasing the property from Walter Butts for $600. Ralph Phillips loaned the money interest free, repay when you can.

The building on the property was remodeled by voluntary work by the members and was opened in 1947.

About 1954, Zone Commander, George Potts, attended a number of meetings encouraging the Branch to build a new building. With approximately $6,000 on hand, he arranged a loan with Victoria and Grey Trust at Lindsay for $15,000. Ten members backed notes for $1,000 each. Ralph Phillips and John Austin & Son Lumber signed for $2,500 each. The president appointed a building committee of Comrades: Dick Austin, Perce Wellstood, Bert Young and Norman Gilmore as chairman.

John Austin & Sons Lumber supplied all lumber, doors and windows, interest free, pay when you can.

In 1957, the building was completed enough to move in and the upstairs finished shortly. Ralph Phillips, Gerald Austin, Boyd Austin were made honourary members along with Thomas McGrath (John's father).

The mortgage burning was held in 1966. During the years Branch 441 has donated thousands of dollars to a number of charities and the community. The members thank all residents of the community who helped and supported the veterans in the success of the present Legion Hall.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Bid Euchre 1pm $3
Wednesday Mixed Darts 7:30pm
Friday Chair Yoga 10 -11 am
Bingo 6:45pm Doors open 5pm
Saturday Meat Draw 5pm
Doors open 3pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lunch & Learn 12 - 1:30 Feb 11
Karaoke 7pm Sat Feb 14
Ceaser Sunday 3 - 6pm Feb 15
Pancake Tuesday Supper 5-7 Feb 17
All You Can Eat Breakfast 8:30 - noon Sunday Feb 22

In the Lions Den *By J.C. LaGrange*

After the excitement of the holiday season, the Kinmount Lions have been taking a short, well-deserved break to unwind . It is the time to celebrate last year's accomplishments, and plan for the year ahead. The planning for the Easter Hop, the Summer Draw, and e-waste collection began in late January. Members considered their leadership role in the club and the upcoming Club elections. Club members have considered what we did well in 2025, and what we could do better moving forward We are brainstorming over new fundraisers and service activities we could add to better serve our community.

Some of our Lions have been quietly busy sewing or crocheting blankets for children and youth that are fighting cancer at the Peterborough Hospital. If interested in helping, please reach out, we have a Lion leading the effort.

Finally, as we end 2025, here are the statistics from Lions International at the midway point of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30):

We have 1.36 million Lions and 182,628 Leos for a growth in membership of 2.3%, in 49,811 clubs around the world.

We have already donated over $51.5 million, held over 882,069 service activities and served 174 million people, but with only 56% of Clubs worldwide reporting you can effectively double these numbers. Way to go Lions!!

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Join our Lions club for good times, great food, and meaningful community service! If interested in learning more about what we do, come out to one of our dinner meetings and participate in one of our activities to determine if we are a good fit. Please contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for more details.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm with dinner meetings usually held on the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together helping our community. Follow Kinmount & District Lions Club on Facebook.

Kinmount Winterfest February 2010 *by Lynne Kilby*

The Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee hosted Winterfest in February 2010 with an Olympic Theme highlighting the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver B.C. that year. Events were mainly held at Kinmount fairgrounds. It was met with outstanding enthusiasm from a record breaking crowd with support from most community groups and businesses. A pre-event was a Pancake Breakfast at the Kinmount Community Centre. Opening ceremonies included an Olympic parade led by Olympic Torch bearer Cathy King with Kinmount Legion, followed by adults and children with Olympic themed Bristol Board flags. The Kinmount Lions held Cardboard Toboggan Races dubbed the "Downhill Dash" with medals for best decorated and furthest distance. The arena had ice that winter so there was skating, hockey and curling and an exhibition game by the Kinmount Knights, a hockey skills competition, a snack bar, with Chili contest, Beaver Tails and lots of indoor games in the warm room. Mash Hill Carriages provided horse drawn sleigh rides through the campgrounds. Some other outdoor events were a display of antique snowmobiles, a skiorjing demonstration (cross country skiing pulled by sled dogs), outdoor baseball, a 5-man ski contest, snow angels decorated with bird seed, snow painting, an obstacle course, tug-of-war, Minden Fur Harvesters, a wildlife caller, a scavenger hunt, beaver tails, snow taffy (maple syrup on snow), a bonfire and marshmallow roast by Kinmount firefighters along with a firetruck. It was a grand event with Closing Ceremonies that included a chuck a puck contest, medals and prizes awarded. What made the day even more special was the perfect sunny. mild winter day.

Were you there? If so, I'm sure you agree it definitely was one for the Kinmount history books and a most fun filled event to remember!

Top right to bottom right:

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 ColourParty at the 2010 Winterfest opening ceremonies;

The age5 and under participants in the best decorated cardboard toboggan contest hosted by Kinmount Lions:

; Brittany Day in her first place winning cardboard sled.

Left; A Bristol Board Flag in the Kinmount Winterfest mock up Olympic parade at Kinmount Fairgrounds

The Galwegians *by Bill Lee*

The Galway Hall booking calendar is beginning to get more and more dates slotted in for 2026. Once again, booking inquiries can be made by phoning the Galway Hall's number at 705 488-3128 or by emailing info@galwayhall.ca. You can also follow the Galway Hall on Face Book and see all the upcoming events.

The second Canadian Firearms Course offered at hall is scheduled for January 31st and February 1st. Another CFS course is booked for the last weekend in March on the 28th and the 29th. Contact the instructor, Mark Yourkevich, at 705 768-6553 for more information on all the Canadian Firearms Safety Courses being offered at the Galway Hall in 2026. Other activities in February at the Galway Hall include Tai Chi practices every Monday and Thursday, beginning at 10 am. Every Wednesday, line dancing takes place, also beginning at 10 am. Euchre dates in February are the 13th and the 27th, both beginning at 7 pm.

Were any resolutions made for 2026 and, if so, how are they going? By the time you get this edition, it will be well past what has been dubbed 'Quitter's Day' which is January 9th. This is the date that most people have abandoned their resolutions, especially the ones that deal with exercise, fitness, or dieting. Have you noticed? In 2026, February starts on a Sunday and ends on a Saturday, creating a neat four-week grid with exactly four occurrences of each weekday—no awkward spillover dates. This pattern has apparently delighted planners, list-makers, and productivity fans, many of whom find it calming and visually perfect. Are you superstitious? Because February begins on a Sunday, there will be a Friday the 13th that month. And since February forms such a tidy four-week grid, March will also start on a Sunday—which means March will have a Friday the 13th as well. That's back-to-back Friday the 13ths early in 2026!
The Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina Italy 2026 (officially known as the XXV Winter Olympic Games) are scheduled to take place from February 6 to February 22 at venues throughout Lombardy and Northeast Italy.
With the unpredictable weather we've been having—nights in the -20s Celsius, followed by days reaching +7°C, sometimes with blowing snow or driving rain—you might just spot one or two groundhogs inhabiting Galway Township. Despite the hype around their weather predictions on February 2nd, these furry forecasters are only accurate about 37% of the time. Many Galwegians, I imagine, are hoping for an early spring.
So far in 2026, things in nature have been quiet. Ravens continue to squawk, and occasionally you might hear a pileated woodpecker calling or hammering on a tree. Moose tracks have appeared along Galway Road and Clear Bay Road. On January 10th, a lone Trumpeter Swan was seen flying over the bridge in Bobcaygeon. A young raccoon has been spotted several times foraging for food beneath our bird feeders. We've had the usual feeder visitors: chickadees, blue jays, juncos, tree sparrows, nuthatches, mourning doves, goldfinches, and a hairy woodpecker. Evening grosbeaks were reported at a feeder on East Clear Bay Road. Apparently, a lack of food has driven these birds farther south this year.

Recently, on a CBC radio interview, a retired, high-ranking officer from the Canadian Armed Forces that was very involved with NATO, commented that there are three cycles in history. The world can be in order, then fall into disorder, and then go into re-order. This person left no doubt as to which cycle our current world is now in. To this point, here is the quote to ponder for February. "When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad and that's my religion." -Author unknown.
This quote is famously attributed to Abraham Lincoln. However, it has been documented that Lincoln heard this from an old man named Glenn, in Indiana.
According to AI (Artificial Intelligence), this quote reflects a simple conscience-based morality. It's a powerful statement about internal peace and guilt, suggesting personal integrity is its own spiritual guide.

GALWAY HALL EVENTS
EVERYONE WELCOME!

Line Dancing Wednesdays 10am - Cost $2

Euchre Friday Jan. 16 at 7pm
&
Friday Jan. 30 at 7pm - Cost $3

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Food Fanatic *by Michelle Barkwell*

Baked Swiss Chicken

6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves (6 oz. each)
1 can 10 3/4 oz condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
6 slices Swiss cheese
1 cup crushed seasoned croutons
Preheat oven to 350F.
Place the chicken in a greased 13"x9"' baking dish.
In a small bowl, combine the soup and wine; pour over chicken. Top with Swiss cheese and croutons.
Bake the chicken, uncovered, until a thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the breast reads 165F, 35-40 minutes.

Toffee Coffee Cake

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup buttermilk
1 large egg, room temperature
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3-6 chocolate English toffee candy bars 1.4 oz. each, chopped
1/4 cup chopped pecans
In a mixing bowl, blend butter, sugars and flour; set aside 1/2 cup. To the remaining butter mixture, add the buttermilk, egg, baking soda and vanilla; mix well.
Pour batter into greased and floured 13"x9" baking pan. Combine the chopped candy and pecans with the reserved butter mixture; sprinkle over coffee cake.
Bake at 350F for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

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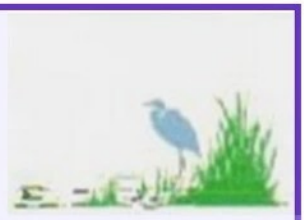

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The Happy Gardener *by Lee Ann Hobson*

When starting a garden from scratch I have always advised to start small and grow something you enjoy. Like tomatoes.

I came across an article a few months ago that was all about patio tomatoes. Patio tomatoes are exactly what they sound like. You grow them on your deck or patio in containers. This method requires very little weeding and if prepared properly almost no maintenance except watering. This type of growing is also senior friendly. No weeding therefore no bending and produce is usually at waist height.

Once your container is set up it can be used year after year with only a bit of soil maintenance and fertilizer. The best kind of tomato plant to use for this type of growing is called a determinate or dwarf type. These tomatoes are very bushy and only grow one to three feet tall. They also only produce a set amount of fruit and then stop. There is a large selection of determinate tomatoes. When looking for seeds or nursery tomato plants watch for "determinate" in the description. You can choose beefsteak or paste, cocktail size or cherry. Colours vary too. Pink, yellow, light green and of course all shades of red.

Now would be a great time to look for the basic materials for patio planters. Containers should be large. Food grade and five gallons at least or bigger if available. Plastic pots hold the moisture best. Try to avoid black as this could dry out the soil faster during summer's high temperatures. Next would be staking material for plant support. Wood stakes, pvc or bamboo are good choices. Check out dollar and thrift stores for all the above items. Have fun.
Next month soil choices and location. Happy Gardening!

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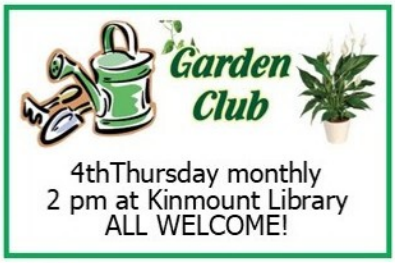

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Kinmount Artisans Marketplace *by Lynne Kilby*

What lays beyond this charming door? Pop in to see! Our door was handcrafted by woodworker Byron McKay of Irondale when we opened for the very first time over 25 years ago. To this day it is in perfect condition and is a fine example of the quality of Byron's skills and workmanship.

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Kids' Corner OLYMPIC TORCH RUN STORIES

Originally published in 2010 in the February 2010 Kinmount Gazette
Submitted by Grade 4 Students at Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk

The Olympic Torch *Run,* *By Cameryn, Aaron, Brook, Alex & Mack*
The Grade 4 students of Ridgewood Public School attended the Olympic Torch Run in Lindsay, Ontario on December 16, 2009. Once they got there, they went to a Coca Cola stand. There were special edition bottles there and everyone got a free taste of Coca Cola. It was yummy.
Then they listened to bands and an I –coke presentation. It was great. One of the highlights was Frank Sims, an artist who painted a picture of a girl holding a torch for the Olympics. It started out as a blob of paint and then it was spun into a painting.
Next we saw Jack Prins run up onto the stage. As Aaron, a grade 4 student said, "That was so cool!"
The torch has been heading to Vancouver for a couple of months now and has 1 month left in the 104 day marathon of more than 1000 runners.
This is the Olympic Torch Run. It is a piece of history we never are going to forget and we hope we will to see it again someday.

The Olympic Torch Strikes Again By Alayha & Destiny
On December 16, 2009, the Olympic Torch struck again. This time in Lindsay, where students from grade 4 to grade 8 of Ridgewood Public School gathered to see Jack Prins run with the Olympic Torch.
The grade 4 to 8 students got off the bus and saw thou-sands of people. One group of Grade 4 students met up with the Olympic mascots. Lisa, a student from Ridgewood P.S. said, "They were cute". She went on to take pictures of the group hugging the mascot.
About an hour later, Destiny and Alayha, grade 4 students, said, "It was the happiest moment of our lives", after seeing the Olympic Torch Run. They were also able to get Olympic Torch Runner, Jack Prins" autograph.
After speaking with many students it was agreed, they all hoped the Olympic Torch Run will come again soon to their community.

The Olympic Torch Run By Emma, Chloe & Katelynn
On December 16, 2009 Ridgewood Public School went. Kent St. was filled with lots of noise because Frank Sims was painting an amazing picture of a girl holding the torch. First it started out as a splatter of paint, but then it turned into an amazing picture of the girl with the torch. Wow! He's a fast painter because he did it in 8 minutes. Then we saw the Olympic mascots. One of them looked like a whale, but the rest just looked weird!
There was a great crowd of people to see Jack Prins run with the torch. He ran so fast some people could barely see him!
It was a miracle that we got to see the torch run and hopefully our children can see it too some day.

The Olympic Torch with Jack Prins By Taylor & Lisa
December 16th , 2009 was an amazing day for Canadians who gathered in Lindsay to see the torch run!
We were on the corner of Kent St. and Victoria St. where they had a festival. Volunteers handed out flags, tambourines and drinks. We also go to see mascots, like Leo, Muk Muk, Quachie, and Miga. Destiny, a nine year old student from Ridgewood Public School kept hugging them.
Then we saw Frank Sims paint a picture while the canvas was spinning around. We also saw a gymnastic troupe. They did flips with the hoola hoops. It was amazing. Another girl from Ridgewood Public School, Katelynn was amazed that she could see that sight.
After that we finally got to see the Olympic Torch with Jack Prins holding it. Lisa, a nine year old student from R.P.S. was amazed that she could be there that day!
As soon as Michael, Lisa's brother got home, he said, "I'm proud to be a Canadian!" His mother, Janice, was so proud of him for saying that. This will be a day to keep in our proud Canadian hearts forever!

TRUE OR FALSE WINTER OLYMPIC QUIZ

1. The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part.
2. A Gold Medal is awarded for first place.
3. Building a giant snowman is a sport in the Winter Olympics.
4. The Winter Olympics happen every 4 years.
5. Olympic athletes who do not win a medal are still winners, because they were chosen as their country's best athletes.
6. Skateboarding is a Winter Olympic Sport.

GOOD LUCK!

OLYMPIC QUIZ ANSWERS
Below Upside Down

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False

All Aboard *by Ron Claridge*

As the long winter forges on, we, the volunteers at the Kinmount Station specifically the Kinmount Model Railway are carrying on with upgrades to the layout. We are adding more signalling for train operation and redoing some of the diorama with the major changes at the Kinmount station stop. We are adding the original station 1876 to 1902 which was on the west side of tracks and 100 yards south of the present station which was built by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1902 to 1904. We are also getting a new led lighting upgrade in the train room thanks to the efforts of Lois O'Neill-Jackson and a government lighting upgrade grant. Every winter we try to sustain the model railway in an operational and visual condition, so it will be a pleasure for visitors to view and appreciate this era in our important history. We do encourage you to drop in and check out the model train and museum. See You There!

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EVIDENCE!!!!!

After a closer look at this rescued photograph, we have discovered proof of the existence of the first Kinmount Railway Station. Magnified, we can see the faded and aged 'KINMOUNT' sign under the roof overhang. This station was on the west side of the tracks, about 100 yards south of the present day station with the sign facing the tracks. This corroborates the newspaper articles that we found about the fire in 1902.

We enhanced the sign for clarity, but it is visible with a magnifying glass on the original photo.

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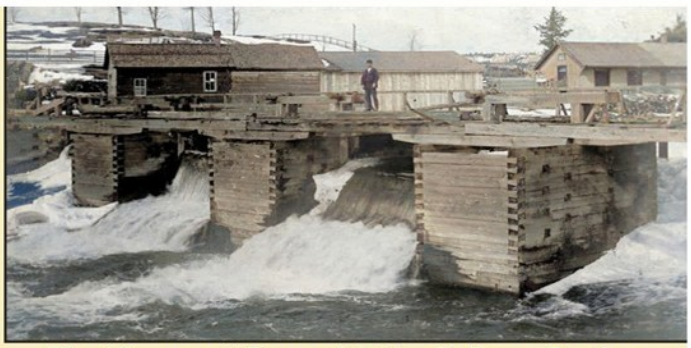

The Kinmount Dam with the Railway Station in the Background pre 1902

FUN IN THE SUN?

Back in 2010 these two individuals were caught off guard when the mild temperatures caused the rapid thaw of Davis Lake. They went out for a day of ice fishing and ended up on an ice flow. The good news! They had their cell phones and were able to contact the Gazette staff who immediately went out to capture this unique moment.
The individuals were promptly rescued along with their cooler.
Apparently they were warm enough that day as they say on their lawn chairs with no shirts on!

When asked about the experience, the gentlemen replied that they had a new appreciation for the troubles faced by Polar Bears.

Any further information (or bizarre photos) are more than welcomed and appreciated by the Gazette staff.

Please send you photos to Lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca

Relaxing and waiting to be rescued from an ice flow on Davis Lake in February 2010.

Thank you to Dave Ingram for submitting this photo.

The Pearson Family Horse Drawn Rides

Many will recall the Pearson Family had a long standing tradition providing the Kinmount community with horse drawn sleigh rides during the winter and wagon rides at other times through the warmer days of the year.

They also held an annual family sleigh ride, usually in February where the community was welcome to join in at their camp on the Galway Road.

In 2017 they celebrated 50years of that tradition.
The event featured a warm and welcoming cabin large enough for a great number of people to sit down comfortably and enjoy a hot drink, hot dogs, home-made beans, delicious butter tarts, cookies and many other scrumptious treats.

Outside was a bonfire, and often a turkey shoot competition which was target shooting, not shooting at live turkeys!
The Pearson family provided rides at events such as Canada Day, Christmas in the Village, Kinmount Winterfest, Kinmount Family Funfest and local groups such as the Kinmount Girl Guide Unit.

Horse drawn sleigh ride at the Kinmount Fairgrounds.

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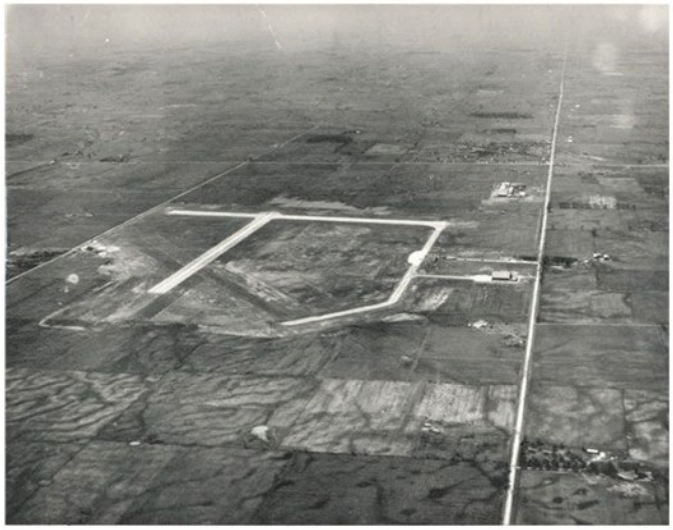

On a farm near Sunderland an interesting event happened on the night of January 11,1945. The War was still on, but the last group of pilots was still in training from Malton air base. With weather conditions being favourable, a group of Anson Training Bombers set out from Malton airport on what was scheduled to be a routine nighttime training mission.
Shortly after take-off, a sudden snowstorm developed making impossible for the pilots to land their planes safely and as flying conditions rapidly deteriorated, the men were ordered to fly in a northernly direction, keeping away from the open water of Lake Ontario. Within minutes a voice from the control tower ordered all personnel (each plane had a crew of four, to abandon the Ansons and parachute to safety. The crews hitched on their parachutes and leaped into the cold night air. One navigator recorded his jump at 11:50pm.

Without pilots, two planes affected by wind from the northwest, headed towards Brock Township. After circling for approximately 30 minutes, one plane crashed in the Zephyr area. The second one went down on the Miller Farm near Sunderland., 150 feet from the house at 12:20 pm. When the plane hit the ground, a warning flare ignited creating a brilliant light that lasted for five minutes then went black. Reacting immediately, the Millers made a quick search for any airmen casualties, then went inside to telephone Malton airfield base.
The book "The Green Pastures of old Brock" recorded 10 airplanes, but what happened to the 8 planes who (supposedly) crashed in Haliburton County? Sounds like a mystery for we have no record of planes disappearing in the County?
A closer search found a lot of differences in the story of the planes lost. The flight consisted of 28 Ansons. Most of the Ansons landed back at Malton. A number flew all the way to Trenton and landed safely. One plane landed at Oshawa on an abandoned base. That leads to 3 "missing" planes. But a report also said nobody was missing and all crew were safely accounted for. It could have been a disaster with planes and parachutists falling out of the sky. But all went well with nobody hurt and most planes landed. Their parachuting instructor deserves credit for saving everyone! And what happened to the unaccounted for? No sign of them, but I believe there was a "counting" problem and no planes were "lost".

Snapped - A Hungry Beaver - A Busy One or Both?

This unusual winter sight was snapped by Kinmount resident *Robynne Kilby* while driving past this beaver dragging a branch across Hwy#503 near Irondale.

Robynne said "It was a good thing it was moving pretty quickly to get across cross the road!"
Thank you for sending both of theses photos Robynne!

Beavers do not normally come outside onto land in winter.

WE LOVE NATURE!
Share your nature photos with us!
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HOW THE NAME TURKEY CAME TO BE

A case of mistaken identity resulted in the North American Turkey being named after the country. When the Spanish first found the bird in the Americas they brought it back to Europe. The English mistakenly thought this bird was called a "turkey" when actually it was a similar bird from Africa that came to England by way of the country Turkey (lots of ship-ping went through Turkey at the time). The *name stuck even when they realized the birds were not the same. In the country of Turkey turkeys are called hindi meaning from India reflecting Columbus's mistaken belief that he had reached Asia not the Americas.*

Left: Wild Turkeys on Bobcaygeon Road, Kinmount

From the KDHSF *by Sue Butts*

Greetings and Happy February. The KDHSF would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Health centre.
We have such great support from our community, we are so fortunate to have this facility right here in our town.
Important news.
If you live in the Kinmount area and need a Family Doctor, or Nurse Practitioner it is important to register with Health Care Connect.
You can call 811. Or 1-800-445-1822
Or visit Ministry of Health website. Ontario.ca/health811.
We are asking you to do this even if you are on the KDHC wait list.
A family doctor or nurse practitioner is your primary health care clinician - they are the person you make an appointment with for routine and non emergency health concerns.
Thank you so much for your attention to this.

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Presenter Kirstin Monk, Monks Funeral Home
Lunch : Soup and Sandwiches, Dessert
March 11.
Topic: Frauds and Scams
Presenter: Peterborough County Opp.
Lunch : Quiche, Salad, Dessert
April 8
Topic: What Your Pharmacist Can Do
Presenter Sam Iskander, Kinmount Pharmacy
Lunch: Chicken Stew, Biscuits, Dessert

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Pat Warren Remembers Warren's Store in Fenelon Falls

Thomas and William L. Robson emigrated from Stockton onTees, a market town with an iron foundry in Durham, England. Thomas was an iron founder and when they moved to Fenelon Falls, the brothers partnered to operate the Cameron Lake Foundry (at the present site of Gamet Graham Beach Park), where they made agricultural implements. In a farming community eager to find less laborious ways of living off the fruits of their own labour, it was an important business. Before long the Robson family became leaders in the community, W.L. served as treasurer for the village of Fenelon Falls, while Thomas Robson was a councillor.

Though William and Thomas were busi ness partners, in practice it seemed that they each focused on their own part of the venture. William L. Robson, opened a general store on Colborne Street around 1873. It was one of nine main street shops that burned in March 1876, then burned again in March 1877. The foundry burned in 1893, and was not rebuilt—fire was a very serious problem in the late nineteenth century. However, Thomas Robson operated a shop on Colborne Street selling implements that were built elsewhere. The farm implement business would pass to a nephew, William Thomas Robson, who grew up in Somerville Township, and ultimately to Monty Robson, who was a much-loved Fenelon Falls personality in the late 20th century.

As a youngster William's daughter, Ethel Robson, worked at the general store. One day, a thirteen-year-old boy, Fred Warren came looking for a job. His father (blacksmith W.B. Warren) had died and he needed to help support his younger brother and sister, John Alexander and Alice/"There was no welfare in those days." As Fred and Ethel worked together, they became friends, and it was then very common to marry a neighbour or someone from your family's own social circle. They were the first couple married in the new Presbyterian Church, then pooled their resources so they could set up a store of their own near W.L. Robson's on Colborne Street. Going into business was an expensive proposition, even just to fill a store with inventory. Without Ethel's help, Fred likely could not have afforded it on his own. She also inherited her family's beautiful home, on the northwest corner of Clifton and Bond Streets.

In the early days, Fred and Ethel's store was like many of other general stores on the main street. It was a long and narrow building, with both walls covered with merchandise, and a row of food barrels and dark hardwood display cases on the north side. In keeping with period fashions, a row of framed artwork graced the top of the wall on both sides. As would be expected, everything was very neatly arranged throughout the store.
Doug Warren later recalled: "When we began work in the store, my Dad pointed out three main business considerations. We do not have anything for sale that other cannot provide. We must sell goods at a reasonable profit to stay in business. We can however, make our store one of the most pleasant in the village in which to shop." A framed motto hung in the Warren's Store: "Always tell the truth and you don't have to remember anything."

In the early twentieth century, being a store keeper was seen as a respectable profession. It was one of the few careers in the community that did not involve strenuous manual labour. But to survive in business was by no means easy. There were many stores selling similar goods, and befriending potential customers could make or break a shop. By modern standards, they often kept a large amount of stock for its sales velocity, and it was a constant chore to keep everything looking as neat and new as possible.

When the business opened in 1912 it operated as a general store, like many other main street businesses. But as the decades passed, the products sold gradually changed, as fewer customers came to purchase canned food and dry goods. By the time Mary (Warren) sold the business in 1964, Fenelon Falls had an IGA supermarket on the opposite side of Colborne Street and Warren's had become a variety store. Pat remembers visiting her grandfather's store to pick out Easter goodies. "After my grandfather died, my brothers loved looking at the comic books at the back. It truly was a variety store, selling a great variety of different things."
Fred and Ethel loved being part of the Fenelon Falls community. Ethel was a devoted member of the local Women's Institute, and helped with their many community betterment projects. Though he had no formal training, Fred was an excellent artist and writer. He gave many pieces of art to his friends and neighbours. They lived with their daughter, Mary, who worked alongside Fred and would take over the business when he died.

Fred was also Fenelon Falls' Santa Claus. Mimi Vickers recalled, "my grandfather Wilf Havery heard my cousins tell the rest of us there was no such as thing as Santa Claus, so he arranged with the telephone operator Blanche that when he picked up the phone and asked for the North Pole, she would connect to Fred Warren's house…made a believer out of my cousin and we all talked to 'Santa.' She also said that every person my cousin named who could be on the phone walked into the room to prove him wrong. I found out who Santa was when I was a grown woman … the good ole days." Fred served as Santa even when his own children were young. When his son Don sat on his knee, he remarked, "Gee Santa, you look like my dad," so Santa replied "it's a wise child who knows his father on a night as this."

Once Fred passed, Mary was on her own, and she was swept off her feet by a man that her family was not so sure about. The relationship did not prove healthy or prosperous, and before long the business had to be sold to Ed Taylor, who continued to operate it as a variety store. Soon after, the community was shocked to learn that Mary had died.

Ed Taylor was a Stedman's Associate Dealer, and once it sold to Pat Durr in 1976, the store was rechristened as Stedman's. In 1991, Utsav and Sunita Bhatt rebranded it as Pick N' Save. Eighteen years later, Randy Meredith transformed it into Grr8 Finds.

For over a century it has been a retail store, "and it hasn't changed much since it was Warren's Store." Though it sold secondhand goods, Randy tried to keep the feeling of an old main street store, including a section devoted to old fashioned candy. After Randy Meredith passed away, Pauline Petersen has continued to operate the store as a multi-vendor market.

Around the Fire Hall *by Katie Dukelow*

February may be one of the coldest months of the year, but life around Kinmount does not slow down. Between winter festivals, outdoor skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and time spent keeping warm indoors, there is plenty happening in our community. With that activity comes a few seasonal safety reminders from Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service.

Winter is a peak time for home fires. According to the Ontario Fire Marshal and the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. Space heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces, and furnaces all need extra attention when temperatures drop.

A few simple steps can go a long way. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heat sources. Never leave space heaters running unattended or while sleeping. Have chimneys and heating systems inspected and cleaned as recommended. Most importantly, make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are installed on every level of your home and near sleeping areas, and test them monthly.

If you need help with alarms, the

Kawartha Lakes Fire Alarm Assistance Program is available to residents who require assistance with testing, installing, or replacing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. This free program help keep everyone safe at home.

You can contact Fire Prevention directly to learn more or to book an appointment:

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February is also a busy time outdoors, especially around lakes, rivers, and trails. Whether you are attending local winter events, enjoying the snowmobile trails, or heading out on the ice, ice safety is critical. The Canadian Life Saving Society promotes the **1-10-1 rule** for cold water immersion. You have 1 minute to control your breathing, 10 minutes of meaningful movement, and about 1 hour before the risk of hypothermia becomes severe.

Ice conditions can change quickly due to weather, currents, and snow cover. Always carry ice picks, check ice thickness before heading out, and let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. Avoid areas with moving water whenever possible. More ice safety resources are available at www.lifesaving.ca and www.lifesavingsociety.com.

As we continue through winter and look ahead to spring, taking a few minutes to think about fire safety and winter hazards can help ensure a safe and enjoyable season for all. Local firefighters are here to help keep our community safe.

An Important Message from a Minden Resident

CO2 detectors SAVE LIVES!!! Ask me how I know??? While house sitting the CO2 detector went off. My first thought was to reach out to a friend, who said to call the fire department.

I got excellent care from the paramedics, hospital and the fire department. Everyone kept me well informed of what was going on inside the house, what they found and my medical condition.

WITHOUT THAT CO2 DETECTOR, I don't even want to think of what could have happened.

Special thanks to the Minden Fire Department, Haliburton Paramedics and the Haliburton Hospital.

Colleen Gariepy Mewha, Minden

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The Library Link *by Shannon Bain*

What's on this February at the Kinmount Library:

Storytime in Kinmount
Tuesday, Feb, 3 10:30 -11:
Drop in for engaging stories, rhymes, songs, and fun!

Conversational Spanish – *Every* Wednesday from 4:30 - 5:30
All levels welcome. Drop by and say *Hola*!

Beginner Ukulele – *Every* Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30
No experience necessary and we have ukuleles on hand for those without an instrument. Yay!

Adult Craft & Connect – Tuesday, Feb 10 ffrom 2 - 3
Bring your own book, or choose one of ours and give it a dazzling glow-up! Use our gems and craft supplies to transform any cover into a one-of-a-kind sparkling masterpiece. Registration required.

Family Day - Saturday Feb 14 10:30 - 3:30
Create your own one-of-a-kind keychain. Choose colours, add your name or initials to make something entirely unique to you!

Garden Club - Thursday Feb22 at 2pm.
Get a jump start on your garden while the snow is still flying. Join our Garden Group for tips and tricks to help your gardening dreams come true!

Hope to see you at the library soon!

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Friends of Kinmount Library *by Lynne Kilby*

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March
Tuesday
17
Time: 11:00am to 12:30pm
Kinmount Branch
Join us at the Kinmount Library branch this March Break for a special guest visitor! Balloon Twister Matthew will be on hand creating balloon animals, flowers, and custom balloon creations. Watch the balloons come to life and take home a one-of-a-kind design.
Fun for the whole family! This event is generously sponsored by the Kinmount Friends of the Library.
Please note due to popular demand there is no guarantee every child will receive a balloon.

Thank you to Cathy King- Olympic Torchbearer in 2009
At a regular meeting night in 2010 the girls of the first Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides & Pathfinders experienced a rare special treat when Olympic Torchbearer Cathy King, of Kinmount visited them at a weekly meeting. Cathy brought along her Olympic Torch from her Torch Run on December 15, 2009. Cathy was able to keep the torch with help from family, friends and Branch 441 Kinmount Royal Canadian Legion at a cost of $400. After a question and answer period, Cathy let each girl take a turn holding the torch and get their picture taken.

The 1st Kinmount Guiding unit with leader Lynne Kilby (right) and Olympic Torchbearer Cathy King (centre) holding her torch.

OLYMPIC FUN FACTS: The first recorded ancient Olympic Games were held in 776 BC.
The Olympic flame is a practice continued from the ancient Olympic Games. In Olympia (Greece), a flame was ignited by the sun and then kept burning until the closing of the Olympic Games.
The modern Olympics were resurrected in 1896.
Women were first allowed to participate in 1900 at the 2nd modern Olympic Games.
The first opening ceremonies were held during the 1908 Olympic Games in London.
In the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, the procession of athletes is always led by the Greek team, followed by all the other teams in alphabetical order (in the language of the hosting country), except for the last team which is always the team of the hosting country.
The last Olympic gold medals made entirely out of gold were awarded in 1912.
Today, the Olympic medals are designed especially for each individual Olympic Games by the host city's organizing committee. Each medal must be at least three millimeters thick and 60 millimeters in diameter. Gold and silver Olympic medals must be made out of 92.5% silver, with the gold medal covered in six grams of gold.
The Olympic flag was first flown in the 1920 Olympic Games.
The five rings of the Olympic flag symbolize the 5 significant continents and are interconnected to symbolize the friendship from international competitions. The rings, from left to right, are blue, yellow, black, green, and red, which were chosen because at least one of them appeared on the flag of every country in the world. The Winter Olympic Games were first held in 1924.
The Olympic flame first appeared in the modern Olympics at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam.

Kinmount Heritage Centre - Women's Institutes (Country Women of the World) *by Janice Stange*

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is a not-for-profit charitable orgamization with affiliations around the world, working with and for women in rural and small-town Ontario. Through the network of Branches, we offer education programming and community support; advocate for social, environmental and economic change, and work towards the personal growth of all women, for home and country.
Women's Institutes VISION STATEMENT:
We envision an Ontario where women work together for safe, healthy communities and pursue an enriched and balanced lifestyle."

We attended a Historical Day back in November at the Historic Norland School. There was a Women's Institute presentation set up. This event inspired this series of deep dives into the history of the groups. In one of our last columns, we explored the Farmers' Institute's history in Ontario. These groups were a precursor to the inauguration of Women's Institutes. Census records from the early 1900s listed most of the residents as farmers. There was, indeed, a need for women to be represented and to have a place for sharing ideas and helping their communities, which was the purpose of the Women's Institutes. Today, WIs are still banding together to fulfill their mandate.

Famously having a cake malfunction at the 100th Anniversary of WI in Britain in 2022, just months before her death. She would have been a member for 80 years and the longest serving member of the Sandringham WI.A

So steeped in history are the WI's that the site of their first meeting in 1897 is a National Historic site. It is the Erland Lee House in Stoney Creek. It is still the head office of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

Today, WIs exist in 70 countries worldwide. The most famous member and supporter of WI's was Queen Elizabeth II. She joined during World War II, in 1943 and was a member until her death. Other Royals are carrying on her WI legacy by still making regular visits to their meetings. The Queen Mother was also a member.

Queen Elizabeth was 'just one of us' as she enjoyed her time with WI's from 1943.

During wartime, the Institutes supported agricultural activities that were affected by the reduction in male workers. They made sure that crops were not wasted and helped educate families during rationing.
British WI's take their 'fundraising for a good cause' efforts seriously. In 2003, a film called 'Calendar Girls' featured a screenplay by Tim Firth and Juliette Towhidi, based on a true story of a group of middle-aged Yorkshire women who produced a nude calendar to raise money for Leukaemia Research (subsequently Blood Cancer UK) under the auspices of the Women's Institutes in April 1999 after the husband of one of their members dies from cancer. One of the stars of the film was Helen Mirren.Even though today, not every other person is a farmer, the Women's Institutes around the world still celebrate rural life and bringing women together to better their communities. Stay tuned to our column to find out about spin-offs of this movement, including the Farmerettes and the Tweedsmuir Diaries.

Logo of the Federation of Women's Institutes of Ontario

From the early days of the suffrage movement to modern times and strategic planning, WIs are 'carrying on'!!

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Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area.
We challenge you to identify the spot.
Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last month's Spot the Shot:
The Kinmount Dam

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From the Editor's Desk by Guy Scott

This issue reflects upon the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. British Columbia. The 2026 Winter Games occur this month.

I attended the Olympic Torch Run celebrations in Lindsay in December 2009. It was great to see thousands of people crowd the main street to cheer on the torch, celebrate the Olympics and show some Canadian spirit. The expresion of sheer joy & happiness on the torch bearers faces was uplifting. Canadas goal in 2010 was to come first in the medal count. I believe millions of Canadians tuned in to the 2 weeks of the games and cheer on our Canadian athletes. A little nationalism can be a good thing.

Some bad news in the obituary news. Bruce Peck, a former teacher at Kinmount School Has left us. I believe Bruce started his teaching career at Kinmount before moving to Lindsay. And lastly Faye (Butts) O'Neil has moved on. The Butts Family lived on the Main st and ran a Restaurant/Boarding House in the 1930s. Faye used to tell me stories about town life before the Great Fire of 1942. Faye Married Leo O'Neil from Galway and moved to Downeyville. Faye was in her 94th year and leaves 3 sons (Shawn, Stephen and Glen). She is the last of her family predeceased by June, Helen and Bill Butts.

Dr. Robert Samuel Frost
1851-1936.Yhe 90th anniversary of Dr. Frost death was in January.
While Dr. Frost was not the first or last doctor in Kinmount, he is best known for his longevity in the community. He practiced in town for almost fifty years, retiring in the 1930's.

And speaking of Canadian nationalism, January11 was Sir John A Macdonald's birthday. It is a travesty Canadians don't celebrate our first prime minister. He was the leading light in the movement to carve the nation of Canada from a hodgepodge of disparate forces. He defined Canada as a new nation, giving it substance and character. He laid the foundations for our present country. And do we celebrate his accomplishments? G.S.

Sir John A. Macdonald

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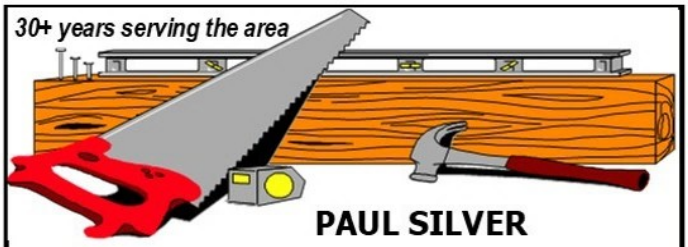

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